THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (g) A fire broke out on the morning of 27-4-1993 in the Al India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi causing damage to some of the floors of the teaching block. An enquiry has been set up and the Committee has been asked to submt ts report on all the aspects, whithin one month.

Contaminated Drinking Water in West Bengal

1766. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Pioneer' of 27th April, 1993 under the caption "Contaminated water leads to host of ailments—Epidemic threatens West Delhi Colonies";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the residents of West Delhi colonies face an outbreak of jaundice and gastroenteritis due to contaminated drinking water;

(d) the number of persons found suffering from these water-borne diseases; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to stop the contaminated water supply and arrange to supply potable water to the people in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A survey conducted by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi in Fateh Nagar, Asha Park and its surrounding areas of West Delhi has revealed an increase in incidence of diarrhoea cases due to evidence of contamination of drinking water.

1007 houses were surveyed at random and it was found that 192 cases were suffering from loose motions and 3 cases from Jaundice.

(e) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have already initiated actions for supply of safe drinking water in all vulnerable areas.

Hospital in village Maidan Garhi

1767. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times of 21st April, 1993 under the caption 'This is Delhi Hospitals';

(b) what steps Government propose to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to speed up the construction of Government Hospitals in outer Delhi on the land already handed over to it to cope up with the problem;

(d) what is the approximate time period within which construction of Hospital Building in village Maidan Garhi, New Delhi is likely to be completed;

(e) what is the area and Khasra Number of land given by village Maidan Garhi for the purpose; and

(f) what is the Givernment's plan to connect the said Hospital with Roads?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Efforts are being made to upgrade the facilities and quality of services in the Government hospitals

within the overall availability of resources. One 500 bedded and eight 100 bedded hospitas are at various stages of being established in the peripheral areas of Delhi;

(d) The construction schedule will be decided after the hospital project is sanctioned.

(e) 20 acres of land has been ear. marked in village Maidan Garhi for a hospital project. Kharsa numbers of the land are 20|11|1, 20|18, 20|19, 20/20, 20|21; 20|22, 20|23; 21|14, 21|15, 21|16, 21/17; 21/24; 21|25, 29|12, 29|20, 29|28.

(f) The development works will be taken up once the project is sanctioend.

Negligence of duties at Safdarjung Hospital

1768. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Technicians and Nurses in the Safdarjung Hospital deal with the patients in a very rough, casual and undesirable manner;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the Technicians frequently misplace or lose the test reports of the patients thereby causing delay and sufferings;

(c) whether Government are also aware that Nurses on duty seldom check and regulate the flow of blood| Glucose into the patients in spite of their repeaed requests and in case of protests they adopt revengeful attitude and tease and harass the patients in several ways including the misuse of Syringe needles;

(d) whether Government are further aware that cleanliness and sanitation are seldom in the Gynae wards and

(e) what remedial steps Government propose to take to improve the situaion?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The Safdarjang Hospital authorities have denied the existence of such shortcomings. They have reported that the Heads of Departments and other Supervising staff in charge of Nurses, sanitary workers and technicians ensure proper functioning of the hospital services as well as cleanliness.

Water Borne Diseases in Delhi

1769. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi residents are facing threat of an outbreak of water borne diseases as reported in the Hindustan Times of 6th April, 1993; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to improve provision of basic health care facilities, basic civic amenities like good quality drinking water, sewer and drainage facilities to Delhi-ties in the past one year and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) In order to meet any possible threat of outbreak of water borne diseases the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi have taken a number of steps like:

1. Provision of stafe drinking water in all vulnerable areas